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In re Application of :
HILMAN, Jennifer *et al* :
Application No.: 10/031,915 :
PCT No.: PCT/US00/19948 :
Int. Filing Date: 21 July 2000 : **DECISION**
Priority Date: 21 July 1999 :
Attorney Docket No.: PF-0722 USN :
For: CELL CYCLE AND PROLIFERATION :
PROTEINS :

This decision is in response to applicants' "Petition for Name Change of Inventor Under 37 CFR 1.182 to Change Inventor's Name" filed 21 October 2002.

BACKGROUND

On 09 August 2002, a communication was mailed informing applicants that an explanation was required regarding the name change of one of the twelve listed inventors.

On 21 October 2002, applicants filed the instant petition which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a "Statement Regarding Name Change" signed by the inventor whose name had changed and authorization to charge the petition fee and any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0108.

DISCUSSION

Section 605.04(c), *Inventor Changes Name*, of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) lists the procedures required to change the name of an inventor and states, in part:

The petition must include an appropriate petition fee and an affidavit signed with both names and setting forth the procedure whereby the change of name was effected, or a certified copy of the court order.

In the "Statement Regarding Name Change" both names (Chandra S. Arvizu and Chandra Patterson) were listed and signed by the co-inventor. The reason for the change of the surname was listed as due to marriage. This is sufficient to satisfy the requirements for a grantable petition. The petition fee of \$130.00 has been paid.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons listed above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is hereby **GRANTED**.

Accordingly, the declaration filed 18 January 2002 now complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

Applicants have completed the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371(c). The application has an international filing date of 21 July 2000, under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of 18 January 2002.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing


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